

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

Case No. 25-20154-CR-GAYLES

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

BORIS ARENCIBIA,

Defendant.

PLEA AGREEMENT

The United States of America, by and through the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida (hereinafter referred to as the "United States"), and Boris Arencibia (hereinafter referred to as the "Defendant"), enter into the following agreement:

1. The Defendant agrees to plead guilty to Count 1 of the Information (hereinafter the "Information"). Count 1 charges the Defendant with conspiracy to traffic in medical products with false documentation in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 670(a)(2). The Defendant acknowledges that he has read the charge against him contained in the Information and that the charge has been fully explained to him by his attorney.

2. The Defendant is aware that the sentence will be imposed by the Court. The Defendant understands and agrees that federal sentencing law requires the Court to impose a sentence that is reasonable and that the Court must consider the United States Sentencing Guidelines and Policy Statements (hereinafter the "Sentencing Guidelines") in determining that reasonable sentence. The Defendant acknowledges and understands that the Court will compute an advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines and that the applicable guidelines will be determined by the Court

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relying in part on the results of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office ("Probation") which investigation will commence after the guilty plea has been entered. The Defendant is also aware that, under certain circumstances, the Court may depart from the advisory Sentencing Guidelines range that it has computed, and may raise or lower that advisory sentence under the Sentencing Guidelines. The Defendant is further aware and understands that while the Court is required to consider the advisory guideline range determined under the Sentencing Guidelines, it is not bound to impose that sentence. The Defendant understands that the facts that determine the offense level will be found by the Court at the time of sentencing and that in making those determinations the Court may consider any reliable evidence, including hearsay, as well as the provisions or stipulations in this Plea Agreement. The United States and the Defendant agree to recommend that the Sentencing Guidelines should apply pursuant to *United States v. Booker*. The Court is permitted to tailor the ultimate sentence in light of other statutory concerns, and such sentence may either be more severe or less severe than the Sentencing Guidelines' advisory sentence. Knowing these facts, the Defendant understands and acknowledges that the Court has the authority to impose any sentence within and up to the statutory maximum authorized by law for the offenses identified in paragraph 1 and that the Defendant may not withdraw the plea solely as a result of the sentence imposed.

3. The Defendant also understands and acknowledges that, as to the offense charged in Count 1 (conspiracy to traffic in medical products with false documentation), the Court may impose a statutory maximum term of imprisonment of up to fifteen (15) years. In addition to any period of imprisonment, the Court may also impose a period of supervised release of up to three (3) years to commence at the conclusion of the period of imprisonment. In addition to a term of imprisonment


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and supervised release, the Court may impose a fine of up to the greater of \$1,000,000, or three times the economic loss attributable to the violation.

4. The Defendant further understands and acknowledges that, in addition to any sentence imposed under paragraph 3 of this Agreement, a special assessment in the total amount of \$100.00 will be imposed on the Defendant. The Defendant agrees that any special assessment imposed shall be paid at the time of sentencing.

5. The Defendant understands and acknowledges that, as a result of this plea, the Defendant will be excluded from Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and all federal health care programs. The Defendant agrees to complete and execute all necessary documents provided by any department or agency of the federal government, including but not limited to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, to effectuate this exclusion within sixty (60) days of receiving the documents. This exclusion will not affect the Defendant's right to apply for and receive benefits as a beneficiary under any Federal health care program, including Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicare Advantage.

6. The Defendant recognizes that pleading guilty may have consequences with respect to the Defendant's immigration status if the Defendant is not a natural-born citizen of the United States. Under federal law, a broad range of crimes are removable offenses, including the offense to which the Defendant is pleading guilty. In addition, under certain circumstances, denaturalization may also be a consequence of pleading guilty to a crime. Removal, denaturalization, and other immigration consequences are the subject of a separate proceeding, however, and the Defendant understands that no one, including the Defendant's attorney or the Court, can predict to a certainty the effect of the Defendant's conviction on the Defendant's immigration status. The Defendant nevertheless affirms that the Defendant chooses to plead guilty



regardless of any immigration consequences that the Defendant's plea may entail, even if the consequence is the Defendant's denaturalization and automatic removal from the United States.

7. The Defendant shall provide the Probation Office and counsel for the United States with a full, complete, and accurate personal financial statement. If the Defendant provides incomplete or untruthful statements in his personal financial statement, such action shall be deemed a material breach of this agreement and the United States shall be free to pursue all appropriate charges against him notwithstanding any agreements to forbear from bringing additional charges as may be otherwise set forth in this agreement.

8. Provided that the Defendant commits no new criminal offenses and provided that he continues to demonstrate an affirmative recognition and affirmative acceptance of personal responsibility for his criminal conduct, the United States agrees that it will recommend at sentencing that the Defendant receive a three-level reduction for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to Section 3E1.1 of the Sentencing Guidelines, based upon the Defendant's recognition and affirmative and timely acceptance of personal responsibility. The United States, however, will not be required to make this sentencing recommendation if the Defendant: (1) fails or refuses to make a full, accurate, and complete disclosure to the United States and the Probation Office of the circumstances surrounding the relevant offense conduct and his present financial condition; (2) is found to have misrepresented facts to the United States prior to entering this plea agreement; or (3) commits any misconduct after entering into this plea agreement, including but not limited to committing a state or federal offense, violating any term of release, or making false statements or misrepresentations to any governmental entity or official.

9. The United States reserves the right to inform the Court and the Probation Office of all facts pertinent to the sentencing process, including all relevant information concerning the offenses

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committed, whether charged or not, as well as concerning the Defendant and the Defendant's background. Subject only to the express terms of any agreed-upon sentencing recommendations contained in this plea agreement, the United States further reserves the right to make any recommendation as to the quality and quantity of punishment.

10. The Defendant admits and acknowledges that the following facts are true and that the United States could prove them at trial beyond a reasonable doubt:

- (a) That the Defendant knowingly and willfully participated in the conspiracy, with the intent to defraud and mislead, to traffic, introduce and deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, and cause to be introduced and delivered for introduction into interstate commerce, medical products with false documentation, as charged in Count 1 of the Information; and
- (b) That the Defendant and his co-conspirators were paid more than \$9.5 million but not more than \$25 million in connection with their illegal sales of diverted prescription drugs.

11. The parties agree that, at the time of sentencing, the United States will recommend a sentence at the low end of the Sentencing Guidelines.

12. The United States and the Defendant agree that, although not binding on the Probation Office or the Court, they will jointly recommend that the Court make the following findings and conclusions as to the sentence to be imposed.

- a. Base Offense Level: The Defendant's base offense level is six (6), in accordance with U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1.

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- b. Loss: The Defendant's offense level shall be increased by twenty (20) levels pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(K) because the loss amount was more than \$9,500,000 but not more than \$25,000,000.
- c. Crime Involving 18 U.S.C. § 670: The Defendant's offense level shall be increased by two (2) levels pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(8) because the crime involved conduct described in 18 U.S.C. § 670.
- d. Sophisticated Means: The Government may argue that the Defendant's offense level may be increased by two (2) levels pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(10), and the Defendant may object. This enhancement will be left open for the parties to advocate and the court to determine.
- e. Role Enhancement: The Government may argue that the Defendant's offense level may be increased by two (2) levels pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3B1.1, and the Defendant may object. This enhancement will be left open for the parties to advocate and the court to determine.
- f. Zero Point Offender: The United States and the Defendant agree that, although not binding on the Probation Office or the Court, they will jointly recommend that, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 4C1.1, the Defendant's offense level should be reduced by two levels to reflect the Defendant's status as a zero-point offender, provided that the Defendant meets all the criteria set out in U.S.S.G. § 4C1.1(a)(1)-(10).

TOTAL OFFENSE LEVEL – UNADJUSTED

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- g. Acceptance of Responsibility: The Defendant's offense level shall be decreased by three (3) levels pursuant to U.S.S.G. §§ 3E1.1(a) and 3E1.1(b) because the Defendant has clearly demonstrated acceptance of responsibility for his offense and

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assisted authorities in the investigation and prosecution of his own misconduct by
timely notifying authorities of his intention to enter a plea of guilty.

TOTAL OFFENSE LEVEL – ADJUSTED

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13. The Defendant acknowledges and understands that additional or different enhancements or provisions of the Sentencing Guidelines might be applicable, and that neither the Court nor the Probation Office are bound by the parties' joint recommendations.

14. The Defendant agrees, in an individual and any other capacity, to forfeit to the United States, voluntarily and immediately, any right, title, and interest to any property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 670(a)(2), pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), as incorporated by 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), and the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853. In addition, the defendant agrees to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(p). The property subject to forfeiture includes, but is not limited to:

a. a forfeiture money judgment in the sum of \$21,540,489 in United States currency, which sum represents the value of any property which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to the defendant's commission of the offense.

15. The defendant further agrees that forfeiture is independent of any assessment, fine, cost, restitution, or penalty that may be imposed by the Court. The defendant knowingly and voluntarily agrees to waive all constitutional, legal, and equitable defenses to the forfeiture, including excessive fines under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. In addition, the defendant agrees to waive: any applicable time limits for administrative or judicial forfeiture proceedings, the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2 and 43(a), and any appeal of the forfeiture.

16. The defendant also agrees to fully and truthfully disclose the existence, nature and location

of all assets in which the defendant has or had any direct or indirect financial interest or control, and any assets involved in the offense of conviction. The defendant agrees to take all steps requested by the United States for the recovery and forfeiture of all assets identified by the United States as subject to forfeiture. This includes, but is not limited to, the timely delivery upon request of all necessary and appropriate documentation to deliver good and marketable title, consenting to all orders of forfeiture, and not contesting or impeding in any way with any criminal, civil or administrative forfeiture proceeding concerning the forfeiture.

17. In furtherance of the satisfaction of a forfeiture money judgment entered by the Court in this case, the Defendant agrees to the following:

- a. submit a financial statement to this Office upon request, within 14 calendar days from the request;
- b. maintain any asset valued in excess of \$10,000, and not sell, hide, waste, encumber, destroy, or otherwise devalue such asset without prior approval of the United States;
- c. provide information about any transfer of an asset valued in excess of \$10,000 since the commencement of the offense conduct in this case to date;
- d. cooperate fully in the investigation and the identification of assets, including liquidating assets, meeting with representatives of the United States, and providing any documentation requested; and
- e. notify, within 30 days, the Clerk of the Court for the Southern District of Florida and this Office of: (i) any change of name, residence, or mailing address, and (ii) any material change in economic circumstances.

18. The Defendant further understands that providing false or incomplete information about assets, concealing assets, making materially false statements or representations, or making or using

false writings or documents pertaining to assets, taking any action that would impede the forfeiture of assets, or failing to cooperate fully in the investigation and identification of assets may be used as a basis for: (i) separate prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001; or (ii) recommendation of a denial of a reduction for acceptance of responsibility pursuant to the United States Sentencing Guidelines § 3E1.1

19. The Defendant acknowledges that because the offense of conviction occurred after April 24, 1996, restitution is mandatory without regard to the Defendant's ability to pay and that the Court must order the Defendant to pay restitution for the full loss caused by his criminal conduct pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3663A. The United States and the Defendant agree that the Defendant shall pay restitution to the United States in the amount of \$21,540,489, which shall be joint and several with his co-conspirators.

20. The Defendant is aware that the sentence has not yet been determined by the Court. The Defendant is also aware that any estimate of the probable sentencing range or sentence that the Defendant may receive, whether that estimate comes from the Defendant's attorney, the United States, or the Probation Office, is a prediction, not a promise, and is not binding on the United States, the Probation Office, or the Court. The Defendant understands further that any recommendation that the United States makes to the Court as to sentencing, whether pursuant to this agreement or otherwise, is not binding on the Court and the Court may disregard the recommendation in its entirety. The Defendant understands and acknowledges, as previously acknowledged in paragraph two (2) above, that the Defendant may not withdraw his plea based upon the Court's decision not to accept a sentencing recommendation made by the Defendant, the United States, or a recommendation made jointly by both the Defendant and the United States.

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21. The Defendant is aware that Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742 affords him the right to appeal the sentence imposed in this case. Acknowledging this, in exchange for the undertakings made by the United States in this plea agreement, the Defendant hereby waives all rights conferred by Section 3742 to appeal any sentence imposed, including any forfeiture or restitution ordered, or to appeal the manner in which the sentence was imposed, unless the sentence exceeds the maximum permitted by statute or is the result of an upward departure and/or a variance from the Sentencing Guidelines range that the Court establishes at sentencing. The Defendant further understands that nothing in this agreement shall affect the right of the United States and/or its duty to appeal as set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3742(b). However, if the United States appeals the Defendant's sentence pursuant to Section 3742(b), the Defendant shall be released from the above waiver of appellate rights. By signing this agreement, the Defendant acknowledges that he has discussed the appeal waiver set forth in this agreement with his attorney. The Defendant further agrees, together with the United States, to request that the district Court enter a specific finding that the Defendant's waiver of his right to appeal the sentence to be imposed in this case was knowing and voluntary.

22. For purposes of criminal prosecution, this Plea Agreement shall be binding and enforceable upon the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division of the United States Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Florida. The United States does not release the Defendant from any claims under Title 26, United States Code. Further, this Agreement in no way limits, binds, or otherwise affects the rights, powers, or duties of any state or local law enforcement agency or any administrative or regulatory authority.

23. The Defendant agrees that if he fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement, including the failure to tender such agreement to the Court, makes false or misleading

statements before the Court or to any agents of the United States, commits any further crimes, or attempts to withdraw the plea (prior to or after pleading guilty to the offense identified in paragraph one (1) above), the United States will have the right to characterize such conduct as a breach of this agreement. In the event of such a breach: (a) the United States will be free from its obligations under the agreement and further may take whatever position it believes appropriate as to the sentence and the conditions of the Defendant's release (for example, should the Defendant commit any conduct after the date of this agreement that would form the basis for an increase in the Defendant's offense level or justify an upward departure – examples of which include but are not limited to, obstruction of justice, failure to appear for a court proceeding, criminal conduct while pending sentencing, and false statements to law enforcement agents, the Probation Officer, or the Court – the United States is free under this agreement to seek an increase in the offense level based on that post-agreement conduct); (b) the Defendant will not have the right to withdraw the guilty plea; (c) the Defendant shall be fully subject to criminal prosecution for any other crimes which he has committed or might commit, if any, including perjury and obstruction of justice; and (d) the Defendant waives any protections afforded by Section 1B1.8(a) of the Sentencing Guidelines, Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, and the United States will be free to use against the Defendant, directly and indirectly, in any criminal or civil proceeding any of the information, statements, and materials provided by him pursuant to this agreement, including offering into evidence or otherwise using the attached Agreed Factual Basis for Guilty Plea.

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24. This is the entire agreement and understanding between the United States and the Defendant. There are no other agreements, promises, representations or understandings.

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